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P&G Case 8322R

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

JUNAN KAO ET AL.

Serial No. 09/715,354

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 20, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 20, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 21-23 without prejudice.

Please amend the following Claims to read as follows:

A1  
15. (Amended) A generally planar tissue paper comprising at least two plies joined in face-to-face relationship, wherein at least one of the plies comprises the substrate according to Claim 1, said tissue paper having a length direction and a width direction defining an XY plane and a Z-direction perpendicular thereto, said tissue paper having a thickness in said Z-direction, said tissue paper being plastically extensible in at least one of said length direction and said width direction, whereby plastic extension of said tissue paper causes an increase in said thickness of said tissue paper.

A2  
24. (Amended) A tissue paper comprising the substrate according to Claim 1, and having a basis weight of 10 to 140 grams per square meter, said tissue paper having a plurality of lines of weakness therein, said tissue paper being activatable in a first direction, whereby opposed tensile forces cause strain in said tissue paper parallel to said direction of opposed tensile forces, said thickness of said tissue paper increasing in response to said strain.